

Make sure your 2002 substitute, scannable forms are FTB-approved

If you plan to use substitute and scannable California income tax forms next filing season, be sure that the forms generated by your software program meet our requirements for substitute forms.

All companies that produce or sell substitute and scannable California tax forms must file an agreement with us stating their intent to comply with our requirements for the 2002 tax year. By signing and submitting Form FTB 1096, *Agreement to Comply with Franchise Tax Board Publication 1098*, the company agrees to follow certain rules for developing substitute and scannable forms. However, that's only part of the process software developers must complete to provide you with approved tax forms.

Each year, computerized tax software developers are also required to submit each of their forms to us for our approval before distributing them. If you are unsure whether the forms you plan to use this upcoming filing season have our approval, ask your software provider to show you the *FTB letter of approval* for each form you plan to use, *before you use it*. Do not accept a general statement from the software company that all their company's forms have been approved. Instead, give your software company a list of forms you plan to use and ask them to provide you with a copy of the *FTB letter of approval* for each form.

Companies that either sell or provide photocopies of official FTB forms do not need to submit them for approval.

Using unapproved forms may seem like a harmless infraction but it's not. Submitting unapproved forms can cause processing delays and in those cases where we can't process the form, we will have to contact your clients directly in order to process their returns.

By press time the following companies had filed a form FTB 1096 with us.

Company Name	Telephone Number
2 nd Story Software, Inc.	(319) 373-3600
5227 Tax System, Inc.	(800) 5578-1978
Accountants World (formerly Micro Vision Software, Inc.)	(800) 829-7354
Accountware	(513) 841-4700
Alpine Data, Inc.	(800) 525-1040
American Financial & Tax	(714) 669-1172
ATX Forms, Inc	(800) 944-8883
Basic Computer Services, Inc. (Taxworks)	(801) 552-8800
Block Financial Corporation	(617) 491-1800
<i>C&S Technologies, Inc</i>	<i>(408) 935-8468</i>
CCH, Inc (Torrance)	(800) 739-9998
CCH, Inc. (Wichita)	(800) 739-9998
CFS Tax Software, Inc.	(800) 343-1157
Check Printers, Inc.	(904) 421-4420

<i>Computer Systems Analysis Co</i>	(303) 663-2296
CPA Software	(850) 434-2685
Creative Solutions	(800) 968-5860
Data Technology Group	Not Available
Deloitte & Touche Tax Technologies LLC	(800) 394-3374
Drake Software	(828) 524-8020
EXACTAX, Inc.	(714) 352-3638
EZ Tax Return, LLC	Not Available
File Your Taxes.Com	(805) 984-0248
Gemsys Corporation	(303) 705-6000
Granite Ventures LLC (Hambrecht & Quist)	(415) 591-7700
H&R Block Tax Services, Inc	(816) 714-2567
HowardSoft	(858) 454-0121
Image One, Inc.	(800) 462-4366
Intuit	(858) 784-1545
Jackson Hewitt Tax Service	Not Available
Nelco	(920) 337-1000
On-Line Taxes, Inc.	(816) 232-0095
Orrtax Software, Inc.	Not Available
Petz Enterprises, Inc.	(209) 835- 2720
ProBATE Software	Not Available
Rhodes Computer Services, Inc. (Tax Slayer)	(706) 868-0985
RIA	(800) 327-8829
SDDS Computer Accounting	(909) 987-2408
Short Form Software	(845) 353-7719
<i>Smartrak Group, Inc</i>	<i>Not Available</i>
Southern California Permanente Medical	Not Available
STF Services Corporation	(800) 541-7197
Tax Biz	(408) 243-1472
Tax\$imple, Inc.	(800) 989-8955
Tax Link, Inc.	(614) 457-1949
Taxware Systems, Inc.	Not Available
The Northern Trust Company	Not Available
Tritech Software Development Corporation	(800) 380-6407
Universal Tax Systems, Inc.	(706) 625-7757
Vertex Inc. (Arthur Andersen FL)	Not Available
Weaver Tax Service	(408) 258-0912
William H. Downs CPA	(818) 981-4313
Wilson LLP	Not Available